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David:

Attached are the following related to our discussion regarding the subject patent application:

- a copy of the stamped post card (1 page)
- a copy of the RCE transmittal forms (5 pages)
- a copy of the Amendment (19 pages)

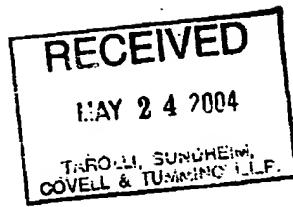
If you have any questions, please call.

Thanks,

Matt Shaheen

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Applicant Campbell et al. Serial No. 09/371,776  
Please find attached to this postcard one check for \$1,082.00,  
one Request for Continued Examination (5 pgs) and one  
Amendment (19 pgs).

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**Practitioner's Docket No. TRW(VSSIM)4295 PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Douglas P. Campbell et al.**  
 Application No.: **09/371,776** Group No.: **3616**  
 Filed: **August 10, 1999** Examiner: **David R. Dunn**  
 For: **INFLATOR FOR INFLATABLE VEHICLE OCCUPANT PROTECTION DEVICE**

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**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

**WARNING:** 35 U.S.C. 132(b) and § 1.114 provide for the continued examination of an application and not examination of a continuing application. Accordingly, the Office will not permit an applicant to obtain continued examination on the basis of claims that are independent and distinct from the claims previously claimed and examined. Notice of March 10, 2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868.

**WARNING:** A continued examination request cannot be made if at least one office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 161 has not been mailed. The provisions of 37 CFR 1.114 also do not apply (1) to a provisional application, an application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a); (2) an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. 363 before June 8, 1995; (3) a patent under reexamination or (4) an application for a design patent. 37 CFR 1.114(d).

**NOTE:** There is no limit to the number of times the fee for continued examination may be submitted. Notice of March 10, 2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868.

**NOTE:** Unlike a continuation application, a continued examination request can utilize the mailing procedure of 37 CFR 1.8. See 37 CFR § 1.8(e)(2)(i)(A).

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Date: May 18, 2004

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**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted (check appropriate item(s) below):

- i.  Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii.  Payment of the issue fee
  - Prior to payment of issue fee
  - Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
- iii.  Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.

NOTE: *If such a notice is not sent to the Board then may refuse to vacate a decision rendered after the filing of the RCE but before recognition by the Office of the RCE request under § 1.114.*

- iv.  Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or  Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146.
  - Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action.
  - Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated.

**ENCLOSURES**

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

**WARNING:** *If reply to a final or non-final Office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding, the submission must meet the reply requirements of § 1.111. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(b).*

- An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
- Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- An amendment
- A preliminary amendment
- New arguments
- New evidence in support of patentability
- Other:

**FEE REQUEST (37 C.F.R. §1.17(e))**

4. This application is on behalf of:

- Small entity (and status is still as small entity) . . . . . \$385.00
- Other than a small entity . . . . . \$770.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$770.00

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**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

NOTE: "The fee for continued examination under § 1.114 (§1.17(e)) does not include additional claims fee (cf. 1.53 (d)(3)(ii))." See Notice of March 10, 2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 148868.

37 CFR 1.53(d)(3): "The filing fee for a continued prosecution application filed under this paragraph is:

(i) The basic filing fee as set forth in § 1.16; and

Any additional § 1.16 fee due based on the number of claims remaining in the application after entry of any amendment accompanying the request for an application under this paragraph and entry of any amendments under § 1.116 unentered in the prior application which applicant has requested to be entered in the continued prosecution application."

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE.	OR	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	40	MINUS	37	=	X\$ 9=	\$3	X\$ 18=	\$54
INDEP.	15	MINUS	12	=	X\$ 43=	\$3	X\$ 86=	\$258
<input type="checkbox"/>	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIMS		=	X\$145=	\$	X\$290=		
					OR		TOTAL	\$312.00
					\$		ADDIT. FEE	

- If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
- If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".
- The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

WARNING See 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c)  No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d)  Total additional fee for claims required \$ 312.00

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**EXTENSION OF TIME***(If an extension of time is appropriate complete (a) or (b), as applicable)*

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a) apply.

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension for <u>(months)</u>	Fee for Other than <u>Small Entity</u>	Fee for <u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1960.00	\$980.00
		Fee      \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

An extension for one month has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$

Or

(b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this is a conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

**TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

**WARNING:** The fee for continued examination under § 1.114 may not be deferred. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (§1.17(e))	\$ <u>770</u>
Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b)-(d))	\$ <u>312</u>
Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$ _____
Total Fee(s) Due	\$ <u>1,082</u>

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**PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check is attached for the sum of \$1,082.00

Charge Account No. 20-0090 the sum of \$

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(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) or credit any overpayment to:

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Credit Card (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached).

**INVENTORSHIP**

NOTE: Any change of inventors must be via the procedure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.48. See Notice of March 10, 2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868.

9. This application has amended names as inventors:

the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.

a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 is/has separately:  being filed  been filed

Date: May 18, 2004



**SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER**

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Applicant : Douglas P. Campbell et al.  
Serial No. : 09/371,776  
Filing Date : August 10, 1999  
For : INFLATOR  
Group Art Unit : 3611  
Examiner : D. Dunn  
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(VSSIM)4295  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1400

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as set forth in  
the following pages.